

Ukraine will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its founding. It is with a tremendous amount of respect and admiration that I rise today, both to congratulate it on the longevity and success of the organization, and recognize the true spirit of American enterprise and capitalism this institution provides in Ukraine.

The founding of "AmCham Ukraine" was inspired by a June 1992 meeting of U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Roman Papadiuk and the American business community having operations or financial interests in Ukraine. During the meeting, all participants agreed upon the overwhelming need to create a private, non-governmental organization, under which companies could strengthen themselves through one common voice, and achieve designated goals to further advance American business interests in Ukraine. As a result, the decision was made to formally establish the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine. Its two principle objectives are to provide cohesive support for member companies, and promote the entrance of new foreign investors.

The success of AmCham Ukraine has been monumental. Member companies currently represent a majority of the foreign direct investment in Ukraine and provide Ukrainian citizens with more than 300,000 jobs. In addition, AmCham Ukraine members contribute a large share of tax revenues to Ukraine's budget each year. The group also promotes new foreign investors in the Ukrainian market by assisting them in gathering information and making the appropriate contacts, thereby enabling the advancement of strategic business plans.

As a founding member of our Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, and Co-Chairman, I have found AmCham Ukraine to be an indispensable partner in our efforts to strengthen the relationship between the United States, this

House, and the Ukrainian people. AmCham's leadership in identifying key issues and providing timely research has been invaluable in promoting prosperity among Ukraine's citizens and cooperation between the two countries.

Mr. Speaker, the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine is an institution founded on the basic American principles of free-markets, competition, and democracy through capitalism. I am proud to speak before the entire House of Representatives today to mark such a worthy occasion, and extend my sincere congratulations to all AmCham Ukraine administrators and the member companies. While I cannot be in Ukraine to personally attend the scheduled celebration there, I extend my personal thanks to my good friend, Prime Minister Antoliy Kinakh, Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration, Palov Haydutsky, and all my friends in the Verkhouna Rada for their attendance and support.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SHEER ENERGY'S \$80 MILLION
CONTRACT WITH IRAN

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution condemning Iran's continued support for international terrorism, its efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them, and a recent investment that supports these heinous activities, which are of utmost concern to the national security interests of the United States and to the war on terrorism. In particular, this

resolution addresses the Canadian oil company Sheer Energy and the National Iranian Oil Company recent announcement of an \$80 million contract for development of an Iranian petroleum field.

I am appalled that a Canadian oil company would aid and abet Iran's campaign of international terrorism by cutting a deal with the regime's oil exploration and development arm. The \$80 million contract to develop oil fields in Iran shows conspicuous contempt for the terrorist threat that Iran clearly represents. Furthermore, Iran is clearly embarked on a policy of developing weapons of mass destruction with oil profits such as those to be gained through this deal. I call on the Administration to impose the stiffest sanctions on this rogue company in accordance with the law of the land. We cannot permit greedy multinational corporations to lubricate the machinery of terrorism operating in Iran and elsewhere through such corrupt and inhumane oil deals.

Mr. Speaker, this oil deal flouts much more than United States law. It flouts every principle America and all civilized nations are fighting for in the war against terrorism. It flouts the memory of all those innocent men and women that perished on September 11th, including a number of Canadian nationals. The profits reaped from this deal by the ayatollahs in Iran will be used to bankroll terrorist organizations, such as Hizbollah, that target U.S. citizens and interests abroad. I am introducing a resolution today which urges the Bush Administration to punish the Canadian company with economic and financial sanctions in accordance with the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act. We must shut off the spigot of blood money to Iran now—or pay the price in lives lost later.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2002 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 7

9:30 a.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine employment-unemployment situation for May.

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JUNE 11

9:30 a.m.

Appropriations

District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative.

SD-192

Commerce, Science, and Transportation Communications Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine spectrum management, focusing on improving the management of government and commercial spectrum domestically and internationally.

SR-253

10 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicle threats to the United States.

SD-342

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the criminal justice system and mentally ill offenders.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Aging Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the prevention of elderly falls.

SD-430

Judiciary

Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2541, to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft.

SD-226

Foreign Relations

African Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine U.S. policy in Liberia.

SD-419

JUNE 12

9:30 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the status of childhood vaccines.

SD-342

Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the costs and benefits of multi-pollutant legislation.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 710, to require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings; S. 1115, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis; S. 2184, to provide for the reissuance of a rule relating to ergonomics; S. 2558, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the collection of data on benign brain-related tumors through the national program of cancer registries; S. 2328, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to ensure a safe pregnancy for all women in the United States, to reduce the rate of maternal morbidity and mortality, to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes, to reduce pre-term, labor, to examine the impact of pregnancy on the short and long term health of women, to expand knowledge about the safety and dosing of drugs to treat pregnant women with chronic conditions and women who become sick during pregnancy, to expand public health prevention, education and outreach,

and to develop improved and more accurate data collection related to maternal morbidity and mortality; and the nominations of Thomas Mallon, of Connecticut, Wilfred M. McClay, of Tennessee, and Michael Pack, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, National Foundation On the Arts and the Humanities.

SD-430

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine Internet corporations for assigned names and numbers.

SR-253

Judiciary

Constitution Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine issues with respect to reducing the risk of executing the innocent, focusing on the Report of the Illinois Governor's Commission on Capital Punishment.

SD-226

JUNE 13

10 a.m.

Appropriations

Interior Subcommittee

To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, and signed on behalf of the United States of America on July 17, 1980 (Treaty Doc. 96-53).

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine cross border trucking issues.

SR-253

JUNE 19

10:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Crime and Drugs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine penalties for white collar offenses.

SD-226